



Wakefield, NH

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County

Carroll

Labor Market Area

Wolfeboro, NH LMA

Tourism Region

Lakes

Planning Commission

Strafford Regional

Regional Development

Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 1

Executive Council

District 1

State Senate

District 3

State Representative

Carroll County Districts 5, 8

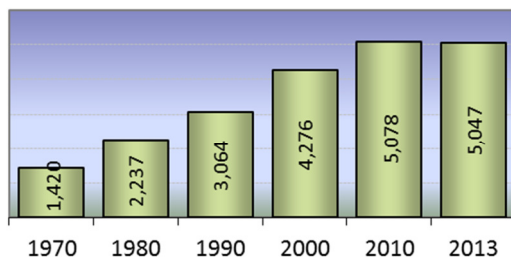
Incorporated: 1774

Origin: This territory was settled by colonists from Dover and Somersworth who received a charter from the Masonian Proprietors in 1749. The settlement was known variously as Ham's-town, East-town, and Watertown. In 1774, residents petitioned the Proprietors for incorporation with township powers and privileges, and it was incorporated as Wakefield by Governor John Wentworth. Wakefield in Yorkshire, England, was the location of Wentworth Castle, the home of Wentworth ancestors. In 2002, the Wakefield Town Hall was listed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

Villages and Place Names: East Wakefield, North Wakefield, Sanbornville, Union, Woodman, Province Lake

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 646 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Wakefield totaled 3,824 over 53 years, from 1,223 in



1960 to 5,047 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 58 percent between 1970 and 1980, followed by increases of 37 percent and 40 percent, respectively over the next two decades. The 2013 Census estimate for Wakefield was 5,047 residents, which ranked 67th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 127.7 persons per square mile of land area. Wakefield contains 39.5 square miles of land area and 5.3 square miles of inland water area.



| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Type of Government | | Selectmen | |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014 | | \$4,784,338 | |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014 | | \$8,146,870 | |
| Zoning Ordinance | | 1986/14 | |
| Master Plan | | 2003 | |
| Capital Improvement Plan | | Yes | |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | | Planning Board | |
| Boards and Commissions | | | |
| Elected: | Selectmen; Planning; Budget; School; Assessors; Trust Funds; Checklist | | |
| Appointed: | Conservation; Cemetery; Zoning; Heritage; Parks & Recreation | | |
| Public Library | Gafney Library, Inc.; Wakefield Library Association | | |
| EMERGENCY SERVICES | | | |
| Police Department | | Full-time | |
| Fire Department | | Full-time & volunteer | |
| Emergency Medical Service | | Municipal | |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | | Distance | Staffed Beds |
| Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro | | 13 miles | 25 |
| UTILITIES | | | |
| Electric Supplier | | Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop | |
| Natural Gas Supplier | | None | |
| Water Supplier | | Sanbornville Water Department | |
| Sanitation | | Private septic & municipal | |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | | Yes | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | | |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | | Private | |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program | | No | |
| Recycling Program | | Mandatory | |
| Telephone Company | | Fairpoint | |
| Cellular Telephone Access | | Yes | |
| Cable Television Access | | Yes | |
| Public Access Television Station | | Yes | |
| High Speed Internet Service: | | Business | Yes |
| | | Residential | Yes |
| PROPERTY TAXES | | (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration) | |
| 2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | | \$12.28 | |
| 2013 Equalization Ratio | | 100.9 | |
| 2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | | \$12.32 | |
| 2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | | | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | | 96.1% | |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | | 3.1% | |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | | 0.8% | |
| HOUSING | | (ACS 2009-2013) | |
| Total Housing Units | | 4,206 | |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | | 3,628 | |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | | | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | | 254 | |
| Five or More Units in Structure | | 0 | |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | | 324 | |

| DEMOGRAPHICS | | (US Census Bureau) | |
|---|--------|--------------------|------------|
| Total Population | | Community | County |
| 2013 | 5,047 | | 47,634 |
| 2010 | 5,078 | | 47,818 |
| 2000 | 4,276 | | 43,918 |
| 1990 | 3,064 | | 35,526 |
| 1980 | 2,237 | | 27,929 |
| 1970 | 1,420 | | 18,548 |
| Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013 | | | |
| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 2,338 | Female | 2,709 |
| Population by Age Group | | | |
| Under age 5 | | | 180 |
| Age 5 to 19 | | | 606 |
| Age 20 to 34 | | | 593 |
| Age 35 to 54 | | | 1,610 |
| Age 55 to 64 | | | 985 |
| Age 65 and over | | | 1,073 |
| Median Age | | | 51.5 years |
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over | | | |
| High school graduate or higher | | | 87.8% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | | | 19.1% |
| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ | | (ACS 2009-2013) | |
| Per capita income | | | \$26,334 |
| Median family income | | | \$49,565 |
| Median household income | | | \$43,429 |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | | | |
| Male | | | \$44,070 |
| Female | | | \$29,296 |
| Individuals below the poverty level | | | 6.8% |
| LABOR FORCE | | (NHES – ELMI) | |
| Annual Average | 2003 | | 2013 |
| Civilian labor force | 2,286 | | 2,570 |
| Employed | 2,177 | | 2,431 |
| Unemployed | 109 | | 139 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.8% | | 5.4% |
| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES | | (NHES – ELMI) | |
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2003 | | 2013 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | 74 | | 61 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 519 | | \$ 635 |
| Service Providing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | 328 | | 477 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 312 | | \$ 822 |
| Total Private Industry | | | |
| Average Employment | 402 | | 537 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 350 | | \$ 801 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | | |
| Average Employment | 269 | | 323 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 462 | | \$ 663 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | | |
| Average Employment | 671 | | 861 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 395 | | \$ 749 |

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Wakefield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Rochester** District: **SAU 64**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Center, Rochester; Somersworth Career Technical Center** Region: **12**

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|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
| Number of Schools | 1 | | | |
| Grade Levels | K 1-8 | | | |
| Total Enrollment | 417 | | | |

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Nason (ME)**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **121**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Lovell Lake Food Center | Convenience store | 35 | |
| Poor Peoples Pub | Restaurant | 35 | |
| Knotty Pine Restaurant & Tavern | Restaurant | 25 | 2010 |
| Longmeadow Hardware | Hardware | 18 | |
| Badman Family Practice | Health care services | 7 | 1993 |
| Mobil on the Run | Gas, convenience store | | |

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **16, 109, 110, 153**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-95, Exit 5**
 Distance **6 miles; 40 miles**

Railroad **NH Northcoast**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Skyhaven, Rochester Runway **4,001 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Portland (ME) International Distance **49 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **13**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **62 miles**
 Portland, Maine **52 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **94 miles**
 New York City, NY **307 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **259 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **82.9%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **9.5%**
 Public transportation **0.0%**
 Walked **3.0%**
 Other means **0.3%**
 Worked at home **4.4%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work **22.0 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Working in community of residence | 12.6 |
| Commuting to another NH community | 76.5 |
| Commuting out-of-state | 10.9 |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
 YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club

X Golf Courses
 Swimming: Indoor Facility
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities

X Museums
 Cinemas
 Performing Arts Facilities

X Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
X Youth Sports: Football
X Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey

X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
X Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
X Bicycle Trails
 Cross Country Skiing

X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock, King Pine**

Other: